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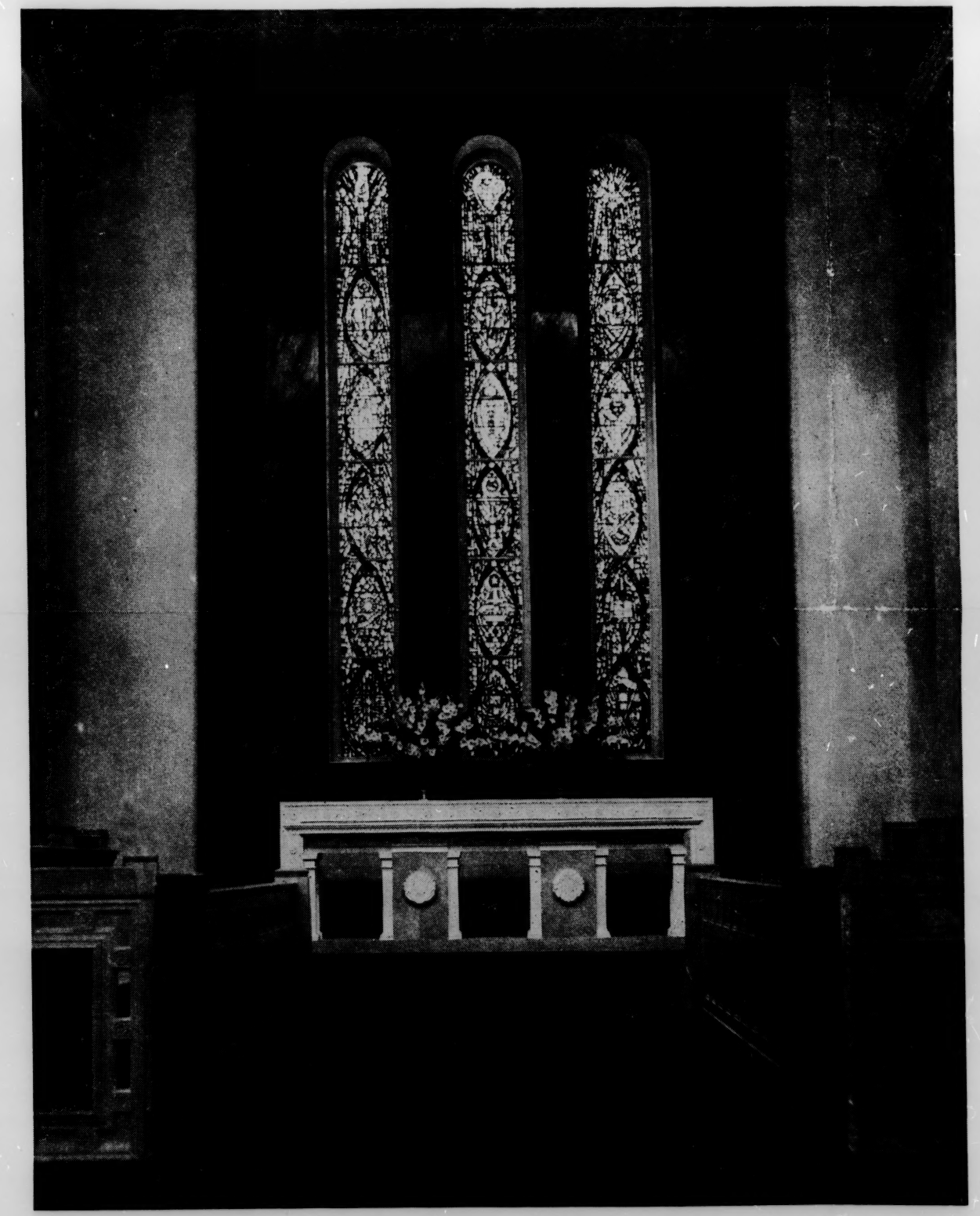
LET US GIVE THANKS



The beauty of these windows is an inspiration to the Barium family in every service of worship.

THE CHANCEL WINDOWS

LITTLE JOE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The three lancet windows of the chancel were designed and installed by The Willet Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Henry Lee Willet designer, gives the following information: Instead of the traditional form I have used an extremely free form—the idea being that from the three symbols at the top flows the power of the Godhead in a never-ending stream from all time to all time. These symbols are: The creative Hand for God the Father, the Lamb for God the Son and the Dove for the Holy Spirit.

At the bottom of the left lancet is the Tree of Knowledge with the serpent entwined and the flaming sword of the Angel of Expulsion set off against a cross indicating the sure promise that "The heel of the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent."

Above the medallion is the symbol of Abraham —God's great promise that the descendants of Abraham would increase as the stars in the heavens. Next above is the symbol for Moses: the bush that burned but was not consumed, signifying God's call to Moses to prepare the children of Israel through the Law.

Above this is David's symbol—indicating God's promise — through Nathan — to establish David's house and kingdom forever. (II Samuel 7:12-17). Next above is Isaiah, whose tongue was purified with flaming coals—that he might truly render the great prophecies of the coming of the Messiah.

The bottom of the center lancet represents the Messiah. His uniqueness being His love for mankind, His vicarious sacrifice on the cross that all that believed might have salvation. Above this the Advent symbol, then the two sacraments of the church, Baptism and Communion, and finally the Phoenix rising from its ashes, which is one of the earliest symbols of the victory of life over death, as epitomized by the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

In the right lancet, bottom to top are the symbols of Discipleship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Once again the Great Commission symbols are against a background of the cross; as the medallion is studied one discovers the globe of the world; the lamp for the Light of the Gospel; the pilgrims staff; the banner of the church triumphant; and the ship for the missionary. Above this are the symbols of the Apostle Paul—Man of Faith—missionary and writer who gave such impetus to the early Christian Church. Next above are found the symbols of Francis of Assisi, the shining light of the Dark Ages, who put his faith to work by feeding the hungry and clothing the needy.

Then comes Calvin's flaming heart, which was the torch of the Reformation—followed by Oikoumene—the symbol of the World Council of Churches—and of the On-Going Church of Christ.

Like the Bible itself, a great window is beautiful in its ministry—color being the language of stained glass—but it has to be studied over and over to get its full meaning.

Barium Springs and Thanksgiving Are Synonymous

For more than half a century the Presbyterian Church has been stretching forth its hand to children, bringing them to Barium Springs where they could find shelter, security, happiness, protection, and training. During this time members of the Synod of North Carolina have been stretching forth their hands to make contributions to Barium Springs for the care of these boys and girls. It has been and continues to be a magnificent story.

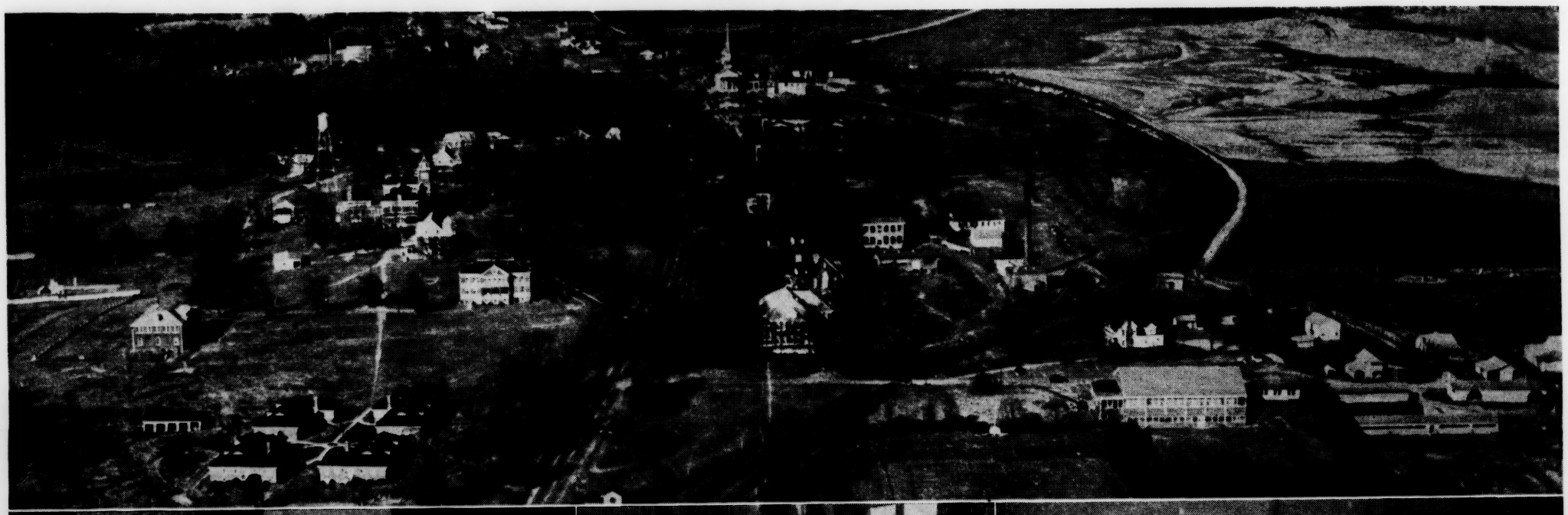
The Thanksgiving season is now upon us and the people who, through their love for Jesus Christ invest in the lives of boys and girls, will be making their offering through the Church. There is no finer manifestation of pure love than when a man takes his own money and invests it in the life of a boy or girl whom he has never seen and whom he probably will never see. What a grand way to share in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

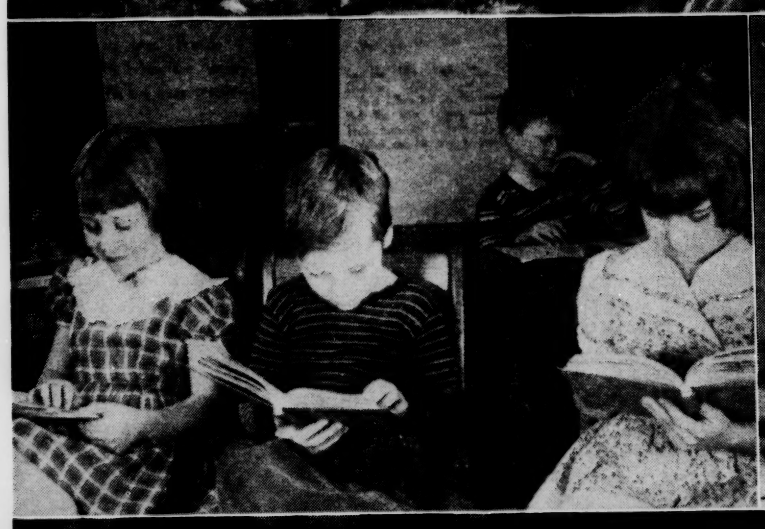
The boys and girls of the Home, while depending on the people of the Church for their contributions to the Home, nevertheless, do their part in the Home. This has been a busy summer. Three large trench silos have been filled with silage for winter feeding. The hay barns are bulging with hay that has been cut, baled and stored. The corn is harvested and is in the crib. The potatoes have been stored in the potato house. The apples have been picked and stored for winter use. The peaches also have been canned and frozen. The gardens, producing vegetables, have served the tables and filled the cannery and the freezer locker. All of this came through the work of the boys and girls along with the members of the staff who have been busy since early spring helping to take care of the needs of the Home. So, it is a blending of faith and works. It is the faith of these children in the people who provide for them and it is their work in the life of the Home such as running the laundry, washing the dishes, cooking, caring for the Infirmary, maintaining the campus, working on the farm, caring for the orchard, and looking after the dairy and all the other activities.

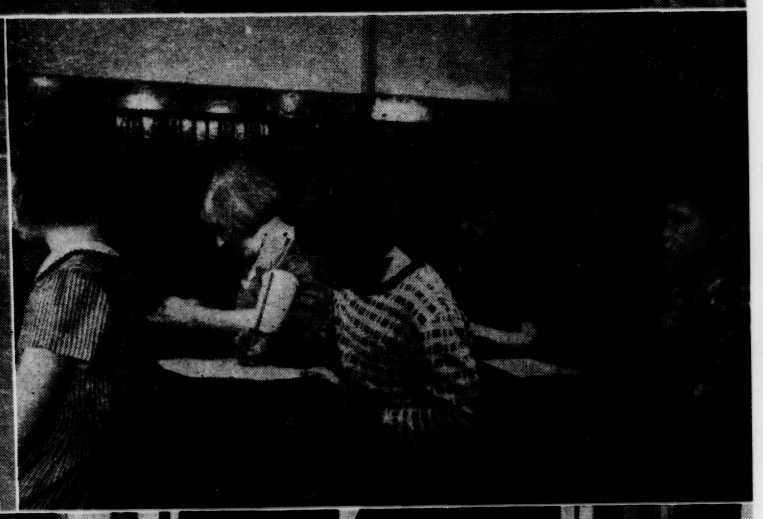
The greatest thrill that comes to anyone in this operation is the thrill of having a part. Let Thanksgiving time be the occasion of your investment and bear in mind that the Home, while it provides a great deal of its own food from the farm, has manifold expenses that cannot be met unless the people of the Synod give generously.

It will take time, effort, and organization on the part of the Churches and Church Schools to afford the people information and to secure their interest in and their gifts for the Home. Barium is confident that the whole Church will not fail to make provisions for its work on the campus.

Life on the campus at Barium Spring
study, recreation, wors







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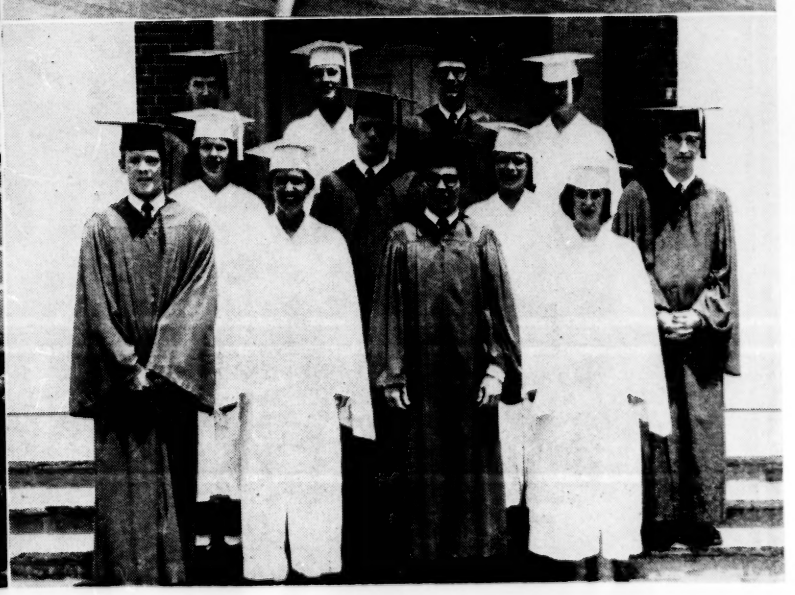

YOU ARE NEEDED!

The Synod of North Carolina is asking its more than one hundred and thirty-eight thousand members to make a Thanksgiving Offering of $100,000 for Barium Springs. The daily needs of the Home make this request urgent.

What will you give this Thanksgiving in the name of Christ?